

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
10th Legislative Day
Thursday, February 5, 2015

The House met according to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Reverend Sue Gabrielson, Sanford Unitarian Universalist Church and Executive Director of the Maine Council of Churches, Portland.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Doctor of the day, Lisa Letourneau, MD, MPH, Portland.

The Journal of Tuesday, February 3, 2015 was read and approved.

SENATE PAPERS

The following Joint Resolution: (S.P. 100)

**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JANUARY 30TH
AS EITC AWARENESS DAY**

WHEREAS, in order to promote the federal earned income tax credit, which enhances family household budgets, we recognize January 30, 2015 as EITC Awareness Day; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that every year 20 percent of Maine residents do not apply for the federal earned income tax credit, which demonstrates the importance of raising awareness of this credit and urging individuals to find out if they qualify for it; and

WHEREAS, throughout the State, IRS-certified volunteer tax preparers who are members of CASH Maine and AARP Tax-Aide, a collaboration of 10 statewide coalitions including 50 nonprofit and for-profit partners, provide free federal and state tax preparation; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, these volunteers helped Maine residents save more than \$3,200,000 in filing fees and claim \$5,480,000 in earned income tax credits, returning \$21,450,000 to Maine residents in federal income tax refunds; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize January 30, 2015 as EITC Awareness Day; and be it further

RESOLVED: That we send our appreciation to all the volunteers who participate in EITC Awareness Day for the benefit of Maine residents and we urge participation in this worthy cause.

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

READ and **ADOPTED** in concurrence.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 54)

**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SPEAKER'S OFFICE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

January 22, 2015

Honorable Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 26, Chapter 25, §2006 of the Maine Revised Statutes, I have appointed Representative Erin D. Herbig of Belfast to the State Workforce Investment Board.

If you have any questions regarding this appointment, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

S/Mark W. Eves

Speaker of the House

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 41)

**STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL
AND FINANCIAL REGULATION
BUREAU OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
36 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0036**

January 15, 2015

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau

President of the Senate

Honorable Mark W. Eves

Speaker of the House

127th Legislature

State House

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Thibodeau and Speaker Eves:

In accordance with Title 9-B MRSA §217, as amended, enclosed please find a copy of the "Annual Report from the Superintendent of the Bureau of Financial Institutions to the Maine Legislature." In addition to the annual statistical

information, the Report also includes informational segments which address issues of current importance to the Legislature, the Executive Branch, and the Maine financial institution community.

If you or your staff have any questions regarding the information contained in this Report, the Bureau would be pleased to respond. This Report will also be available in electronic format on the Bureau of Financial Institution's web site at www.maine.gov/financialinstitutions.

Very truly yours,

S/Lloyd P. LaFountain III

Superintendent

READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 42)

**MAINE HEALTH AND HIGHER EDUCATIONAL
FACILITIES AUTHORITY
127 COMMUNITY DRIVE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04338-2268**

January 21, 2015

Honorable Mark W. Eves

Speaker of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau

President of the Senate

3 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Eves and President Thibodeau:

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., Section 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the Maine Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority due by February 1, 2015.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or if you need additional information. I can be reached at 622-1958 or by email at mrq@mhhefa.com.

Sincerely Yours,
S/Michael R. Goodwin
Executive Director

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 43)

**MAINE GOVERNMENTAL FACILITIES AUTHORITY
127 COMMUNITY DRIVE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04338-2268**

January 21, 2015
Honorable Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Eves and President Thibodeau:

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., Section 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority due by February 1, 2015.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or if you need additional information. I can be reached at 622-9386 or by email at mrq@mgfa.com.

Sincerely Yours,
S/Michael R. Goodwin
Executive Director

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 44)

**STATE OF MAINE
LORING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF MAINE
154 DEVELOPMENT DRIVE, SUITE F
LIMESTONE, MAINE 04750**

January 22, 2015
Honorable Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Eves and President Thibodeau:

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., Section 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the Loring Development Authority of Maine due by February 1, 2015.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,
S/Carl W. Flora
President & CEO

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 45)

**MAINE TURNPIKE AUTHORITY
2360 CONGRESS STREET
PORTLAND, MAINE 04102**

January 26, 2015
Honorable Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Re: An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability and the Government Oversight Committee Regarding Quasi-Independent State Entities

Dear Speaker Eves:

Enclosed are the reports required under 5 M.R.S.A. §12023, due February 1, 2015. The reports include a list of all procurements in 2014 exceeding \$10,000 for which competitive procurement was waived and a list of contributions made in 2014 that exceed \$1,000.

In 2014, the Maine Turnpike Authority made \$73 million in payments to 700 vendors. The vast majority of these payments, approximately \$63 million, were for competitively bid products or services or were legally or legislatively required. The Authority sole-sourced approximately \$10 million in 2014. Most of these products or services were either proprietary in nature or were procured under long-term contracts. As these long-term contracts expire, the Authority will seek competitive bids.

Section 12023(2c) requires a description of changes to the written policies and procedures required by Section 12022. There were no changes to the policies and procedures required by this section in 2014, therefore, there is nothing to report.

Respectfully,
S/Peter Mills
Executive Director

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 46)

**NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND
PASSENGER RAIL AUTHORITY
75 WEST COMMERCIAL STREET
PORTLAND, MAINE 04101-4631**

January 27, 2015
Honorable Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Eves and President Thibodeau:

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., Section 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required reports from the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority due by February 1, 2015. Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you.
Sincerely,
S/Mr. Martin Eisenstein
Chairman
Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority
S/Ms. Patricia Quinn

Executive Director
Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority
**READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED
ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 47)
**MAINEHOUSING
MAINE STATE HOUSING AUTHORITY
353 WATER STREET
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04330-4633**

January 29, 2015
Honorable Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Dear Speaker Eves and President Thibodeau:
Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., Section 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the Maine State Housing Authority due by February 1, 2015.
Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.
Thank you.
Sincerely,
S/John Gallagher
Director

**READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED
ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 48)
**MAINE MARITIME ACADEMY
CASTINE, MAINE 04420**

January 29, 2015
Honorable Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Dear Speaker Eves and President Thibodeau:
Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., Section 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from Maine Maritime Academy due by February 1, 2015.
Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.
Thank you.
Sincerely,
S/E. James Soucie
Chief Financial Officer for Maine Maritime Academy
**READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED
ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 49)
**MAINE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
19 UNION STREET
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04330**

January 29, 2015

Honorable Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Dear Speaker Eves and President Thibodeau:
Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A. §12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the Maine Human Rights Commission due by February 1, 2015.
Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information. Thank you.
Sincerely,
S/Amy M. Sneirson
Executive Director
**READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED
ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 50)
**CHILD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
STATE INTERMEDIATE EDUCATIONAL UNIT
146 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

January 29, 2015
Honorable Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Dear Speaker Eves and President Thibodeau:
Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., Section 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the Child Development Services State IEU due by February 1, 2015.
Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information. Thank you.
Sincerely,
S/Cindy L. Husson Brown
CDS State Director
**READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED
ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 51)
**FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE
94 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0094**

January 29, 2015
Honorable Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Dear Speaker Eves and President Thibodeau:
Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A. §12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the Finance Authority of Maine (FAME) due by February 1, 2015.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

S/Bruce Wagner

Chief Executive Officer

READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 52)

MAINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

323 STATE STREET

AUGUSTA, MAINE 04330-7131

January 30, 2015

Honorable Mark W. Eves

Speaker of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Eves:

I am pleased to submit on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Maine Community College System (MCCS) the attached report on certain procurements, contribution and policy changes for the period July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 as required by 5 M.R.S.A. §12023.

On November 28, 2012, the Trustees adopted revised and/or new policies and procedures in the six subject matters required by 5 M.R.S.A. §12022. On February 1, 2013 MCCS reported those policies and procedures to the Legislature as required by 5 M.R.S.A. §12023.

To report the information required by §12023, MCCS developed a customized reporting feature in the business management module of our information systems for each of the seven colleges and the System Office, and then fed that module with data from the purchase order, cash disbursements and credit card systems. There are thousands of purchases and expenditures across the state by the seven colleges, ten centers and System Office every business day. While the task is complex, our review indicates that the colleges' compliance with System policy has been substantial. Expenditures are consistently mission related and, in those few areas where some improvements can be made, they are already underway. MCCS will continue to use its internal controls and annual outside audit to adapt its systems to changing needs, and our Board of Trustees will continue their own ongoing attention to these matters at their regular meetings. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

S/John Fitzsimmons

President

READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 53)

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM

OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

16 CENTRAL STREET

BANGOR, MAINE 04401

January 30, 2015

Honorable Mark W. Eves

Speaker of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau

President of the Senate

3 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Eves and President Thibodeau:

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A., Section 12023, please consider this the letter of transmittal for the required report from the University of Maine System due by February 1, 2015.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

S/Rebecca M. Wyke

Vice Chancellor for Finance & Administration

And Treasurer of the Board of Trustees

READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: (S.C. 54)

MAINE SENATE

127TH LEGISLATURE

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

February 3, 2015

Honorable Mark W. Eves

Speaker of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Eves:

In accordance with 3 M.R.S.A. §158 and Joint Rule 506 of the 127th Maine Legislature, please be advised that the Senate today confirmed the following nomination:

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, the nomination of Honorable Richard W. Rosen of Bucksport for appointment as the Commissioner of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

Best Regards,

S/Heather J.R. Priest

Secretary of the Senate

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING REFERENCE

The following Bills and Resolves were received, and upon the recommendation of the Committee on Reference of Bills were **REFERRED** to the following Committees, ordered printed and sent for concurrence:

APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

Bill "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Intermodal Transportation Facilities"

(H.P. 189) (L.D. 271)

Sponsored by Representative FARNSWORTH of Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland and Representatives: CHIPMAN of Portland, DION of Portland, HARLOW of Portland, JORGENSEN of Portland, MORRISON of South Portland, STUCKEY of Portland, Senators: ALFOND of Cumberland, HASKELL of Cumberland.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Bill "An Act To Restore the Right To Possess Certain Knives That Are Used by Many Citizens as Tools"

(H.P. 182) (L.D. 264)

Sponsored by Representative STETKIS of Canaan.

Cosponsored by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin and Representatives: DUNPHY of Embden, HANLEY of Pittston, LONG of Sherman, PICKETT of Dixfield, PIERCE of Dresden, WARD of Dedham, Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, WHITTEMORE of Somerset.

EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Bill "An Act To Require the State To Fund Public Charter Schools"

(H.P. 183) (L.D. 265)

Sponsored by Representative HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft.

Cosponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis and Representatives: HANINGTON of Lincoln, MAKER of Calais, McCLELLAN of Raymond, O'CONNOR of Berwick, STEARNS of Guilford, STETKIS of Canaan, TIMMONS of Cumberland, WADSWORTH of Hiram.

ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

Bill "An Act To Encourage and Enhance the Future of Waste-to-energy Facilities by Establishing a Portfolio Requirement for Electricity from Waste Energy Resources"

(H.P. 191) (L.D. 273)

Sponsored by Representative CAMPBELL of Orrington.

Cosponsored by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin and Representatives: CHIPMAN of Portland, HARLOW of Portland, HICKMAN of Winthrop, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, SHORT of Pittsfield, Senator: DILL of Penobscot.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Bill "An Act To Allow Access for Law Enforcement Officers to the List of Registered Primary Caregivers for Medical Marijuana Patients"

(H.P. 184) (L.D. 266)

Sponsored by Representative BLUME of York.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BURSTEIN of Lincolnville, HYMANSON of York, SCHNECK of Bangor, Senator: BRAKEY of Androscoggin.

Resolve, To Direct the Department of Health and Human Services To Address the Growing Deficit in Room and Board Allowances Paid to Agencies Providing Residential Services to Adults with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 192) (L.D. 274)

Sponsored by Representative FARNSWORTH of Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator HASKELL of Cumberland and Representatives: HAMANN of South Portland, McCLELLAN of Raymond, MORRISON of South Portland, STUCKEY of Portland, TIPPING-SPITZ of Orono.

INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

Bill "An Act To Remove Crossbows from the Restriction on Discharging Weapons near Buildings"

(H.P. 193) (L.D. 275)

Sponsored by Representative WOOD of Sabattus.

Cosponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis and Representatives: HOBART of Bowdoinham, LYFORD of Eddington, SHAW of Standish, SHORT of Pittsfield.

JUDICIARY

Bill "An Act To Provide a Minor with a Defense to Prosecution in a Situation That Involves Risk of Alcohol Overdose"

(H.P. 181) (L.D. 263)

Sponsored by Representative MAKER of Calais.

Cosponsored by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin and Representatives: DAUGHTRY of Brunswick, DION of Portland, EDGECOMB of Fort Fairfield, POULIOT of Augusta, TIPPING-SPITZ of Orono, WHITE of Washburn, Senators: BAKER of Sagadahoc, MASON of Androscoggin.

Bill "An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission"

(H.P. 185) (L.D. 267)

Sponsored by Representative MITCHELL of the Penobscot Nation.

Cosponsored by Representative: BEAR of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians.

Bill "An Act Regarding the Penobscot Nation's and Passamaquoddy Tribe's Authority To Exercise Jurisdiction under the Federal Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010 and the Federal Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013"

(H.P. 186) (L.D. 268)

Sponsored by Representative MITCHELL of the Penobscot Nation.

Cosponsored by Representative: BEAR of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians.

Bill "An Act Regarding Maine's Power of Sale Foreclosure Law"

(H.P. 194) (L.D. 276)

Sponsored by Representative FREDETTE of Newport.

LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Bill "An Act To License Polysomnography"

(H.P. 195) (L.D. 277)

Sponsored by Representative NUTTING of Oakland.

Cosponsored by Senator CUSHING of Penobscot and Representatives: AUSTIN of Gray, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, SIROCKI of Scarborough, Senator: KATZ of Kennebec.

TAXATION

Bill "An Act To Encourage the Use of Fuel-efficient Vehicles"

(H.P. 196) (L.D. 278)

Sponsored by Representative RYKERSON of Kittery.

Cosponsored by Representatives: GIDEON of Freeport, GOLDEN of Lewiston, HARLOW of Portland, McLEAN of Gorham, MORRISON of South Portland, POWERS of Naples, TEPLER of Topsham, VEROW of Brewer.

Bill "An Act Regarding Payment under the Business Equipment Tax Reimbursement Program"

(H.P. 197) (L.D. 279)

Sponsored by Representative STANLEY of Medway.

Cosponsored by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin and Representatives: BEAR of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, CAMPBELL of Orrington, McCABE of Skowhegan, NADEAU of Winslow, Senator: DILL of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act To Exempt Military Pensions and Survivor Benefits from Maine Income Tax"

(H.P. 198) (L.D. 280)

Sponsored by Representative GINZLER of Bridgton.
Cosponsored by Representative CAMPBELL of Orrington, Senator HAMPER of Oxford and Representatives: DILLINGHAM of Oxford, ESPLING of New Gloucester, LYFORD of Eddington, SIROCKI of Scarborough, VACHON of Scarborough, VEROW of Brewer, WINSOR of Norway, Senator: BRAKEY of Androscoggin.

Resolve, To Modify the State Valuation of the Town of Madison To Reflect the Loss in Valuation of the Madison Paper Company and To Modify the State Valuation of the Town of Skowhegan To Reflect the Loss in Valuation of the S.D. Warren Company (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 199) (L.D. 281)

Sponsored by Representative McCABE of Skowhegan.
Cosponsored by Senator WHITTEMORE of Somerset and Representatives: DUNPHY of Embden, FARRIN of Norridgewock, PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield, SHORT of Pittsfield, SKOLFIELD of Weld, STETKIS of Canaan.

Bill "An Act To Modify the State Valuation of the Town of Madison To Reflect the Loss in Valuation of the Madison Paper Company, To Modify the State Valuation of the Town of Skowhegan To Reflect the Loss in Valuation of the S.D. Warren Company and To Amend the Law Governing School Subsidy Distribution in the Circumstance of Sudden Loss in Municipal Valuation" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 200) (L.D. 282)

Sponsored by Representative McCABE of Skowhegan.
Cosponsored by Senator WHITTEMORE of Somerset and Representatives: DUNPHY of Embden, FARRIN of Norridgewock, PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield, SHORT of Pittsfield, SKOLFIELD of Weld, STETKIS of Canaan.

TRANSPORTATION

Bill "An Act To Require the Maine Turnpike Authority To Consider Certain Third-party Studies and Municipal Recommendations in Its Decision-making Process"

(H.P. 187) (L.D. 269)

Sponsored by Representative BLUME of York.
Cosponsored by Senator HILL of York and Representatives: HYMANSON of York, McLEAN of Gorham, RYKERSON of Kittery, Senator: COLLINS of York.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Law Regarding Juvenile Provisional Licenses To Foster Military Service"

(H.P. 190) (L.D. 272)

Sponsored by Representative THERIAULT of China.
Cosponsored by Senator KATZ of Kennebec and Representatives: BATTLE of South Portland, HANINGTON of Lincoln, LONG of Sherman, Senator: DAVIS of Piscataquis.

Bill "An Act To Require Proof of Insurance for Motor Vehicle Inspection"

(H.P. 201) (L.D. 283)

Sponsored by Representative CAMPBELL of Orrington. (BY REQUEST)
Cosponsored by Senator GRATWICK of Penobscot and Representatives: CHIPMAN of Portland, HOBBS of Saco, LYFORD of Eddington, NUTTING of Oakland, TUELL of East Machias, VEROW of Brewer.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Law Concerning Overwidth Farm Tractors on Public Ways"

(H.P. 202) (L.D. 284)

Sponsored by Representative BLACK of Wilton.
Cosponsored by Senator EDGECOMB of Aroostook and Representatives: GREENWOOD of Wales, HANINGTON of Lincoln, HILLIARD of Belgrade, HOBART of Bowdoinham, NOON of Sanford, SHAW of Standish, STETKIS of Canaan, TURNER of Burlington.

Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Install a Traffic Light in the Town of Prospect

(H.P. 203) (L.D. 285)

Sponsored by Representative WARD of Dedham.
Cosponsored by Representative: GILLWAY of Searsport, Senator: President THIBODEAU of Waldo.

Bill "An Act Making Supplemental Allocations from the Highway Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 204) (L.D. 286)

Sponsored by Representative McLEAN of Gorham. (GOVERNOR'S BILL)

Cosponsored by Senator COLLINS of York and Representatives: FARRIN of Norridgewock, GOLDEN of Lewiston, PARRY of Arundel, Senator: DIAMOND of Cumberland.

VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

Bill "An Act To Reduce the Annual High-stakes Beano Fee from \$50,000 to \$12,500" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 188) (L.D. 270)

Sponsored by Representative MITCHELL of the Penobscot Nation.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BEAR of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, CHAPMAN of Brooksville, DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, RUSSELL of Portland.

Bill "An Act To Improve Traffic Safety during Political Campaign Seasons"

(H.P. 205) (L.D. 287)

Sponsored by Representative DEVIN of Newcastle.
Cosponsored by Representative: POWERS of Naples.

Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** suggested.

On motion of Representative LUCHINI of Ellsworth, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

ORDERS

On motion of Representative LONGSTAFF of Waterville, the following House Order: (H.O. 10)

ORDERED, that Representative Aaron M. Frey of Bangor be excused January 13 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Walter A. Kurniega III of Deer Isle be excused January 29 for health reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Beth P. Turner of Burlington be excused January 20, 22 and 29 for personal reasons.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Representative Stephen J. Wood of Sabattus be excused January 22 for personal reasons.

READ and PASSED.

SPECIAL SENTIMENT CALENDAR

In accordance with House Rule 519 and Joint Rule 213, the following items:

Recognizing:

Ronald Grondin, of Sanford, who recently retired as Captain of the Sanford Fire Department. He began his service with the department on May 24, 1970. We extend to Mr. Grondin our congratulations and best wishes;

(HLS 44)

Presented by Representative NOON of Sanford.

Cosponsored by Senator WOODSOME of York, Representative HYMANSON of York, Representative MASTRACCIO of Sanford.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative McCABE of Skowhegan, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

On motion of the same Representative, **TABLED** pending **PASSAGE** and later today assigned.

Recognizing:

Robert April, of Sanford, who recently retired as a firefighter with the Sanford Fire Department. He began his service with the department on June 27, 1988. We extend to Mr. April our congratulations and best wishes;

(HLS 45)

Presented by Representative NOON of Sanford.

Cosponsored by Senator WOODSOME of York, Representative HYMANSON of York, Representative MASTRACCIO of Sanford.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative McCABE of Skowhegan, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

On motion of the same Representative, **TABLED** pending **PASSAGE** and later today assigned.

Recognizing:

Harold Smith, of Sanford, who retired late last summer as Captain of the Sanford Fire Department. He began his service with the department on January 6, 1985. We extend to Mr. Smith our congratulations and best wishes;

(HLS 46)

Presented by Representative NOON of Sanford.

Cosponsored by Senator WOODSOME of York, Representative HYMANSON of York, Representative MASTRACCIO of Sanford.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative McCABE of Skowhegan, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

On motion of the same Representative, **TABLED** pending **PASSAGE** and later today assigned.

Recognizing:

Richard Bond, of Sanford, who has recently retired as Lieutenant of the Sanford Fire Department. He began his service with the department on October 20, 1974. We extend to Mr. Bond our congratulations and best wishes;

(HLS 47)

Presented by Representative NOON of Sanford.

Cosponsored by Senator WOODSOME of York, Representative HYMANSON of York, Representative MASTRACCIO of Sanford.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative McCABE of Skowhegan, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

On motion of the same Representative, **TABLED** pending **PASSAGE** and later today assigned.

Recognizing:

Albert Noble, of Sanford, who retired last summer as a firefighter with the Sanford Fire Department. He began his service with the department on July 13, 1980. We extend to Mr. Noble our congratulations and best wishes;

(HLS 48)

Presented by Representative NOON of Sanford.

Cosponsored by Senator WOODSOME of York, Representative HYMANSON of York, Representative MASTRACCIO of Sanford.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative McCABE of Skowhegan, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

On motion of the same Representative, **TABLED** pending **PASSAGE** and later today assigned.

The following items were taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The following matter, in the consideration of which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment Tuesday, February 3, 2015, had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by House Rule 502.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Definition of 'Health Care Practitioner' in the Maine Health Security Act To Include Pharmacists"

(H.P. 99) (L.D. 141)

(Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** suggested) **TABLED** - January 22, 2015 (Till Later Today) by Representative GATTINE of Westbrook.

PENDING - REFERENCE.

Subsequently, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

SENATE PAPERS

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 109)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, February 10, 2015 at 10:00 in the morning.

Came from the Senate, **READ and PASSED.**

READ and PASSED in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Require Hospitals To Allow Patients To Provide Their Own Medications"

(S.P. 106) (L.D. 292)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Allow the Hunting of Small Game Animals with a Slingshot"

(S.P. 105) (L.D. 291)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Health Plan Improvement Law Regarding Prescription Drug Step Therapy"

(S.P. 103) (L.D. 289)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Allow a Home Heating Oil Delivery Driver To Bleed a Home Heating Oil Burner"

(S.P. 108) (L.D. 294)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Refund the Sales Tax Paid on Fuel Used in Commercial Agricultural Production and Commercial Wood Harvesting"

(S.P. 104) (L.D. 290)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **TAXATION** in concurrence.

Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation and the Maine Turnpike Authority To Erect Highway Signs for Thornton Academy

(S.P. 101) (L.D. 262)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Requirement of When Headlights Must Be Used"

(S.P. 102) (L.D. 288)

Resolve, To Require the Department of Transportation To Establish a Working Group To Examine Weight Limits for Tractor-trailers with Different Axle Spacings

(S.P. 107) (L.D. 293)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** in concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

On motion of Representative VEROW of Brewer, the House adjourned at 10:55 a.m., until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 10, 2015, pursuant to the Joint Order (S.P. 109) and in honor and lasting tribute to David E. Grant, of Brewer.